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SUMMARY: THE NATO AIR DEFENSE ELECTRONIC ENVIRONMENT COM-
MITTEE (NADEEC) AD HOC WORKING GROUP (AHWG) MET ON MAY 6,
1977 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON THE ROLE OF NADEEC.
ATTENTION CENTERED ON THE VIEWS OF FRANCE AND THE UK IN AN
ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THEIR DIFFERENCES. THE MEETING ENDED
WITH A MODIFIED UK POSITION AND AGREEMENT TO OBTAIN
NATIONAL VIEWS ON THE FORMATION OF A BODY TO ASSIST SHAPE
IN AIR DEFENSE PLANNING. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.
END SUMMARY.
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1. THE CHAIRMAN (SULPRIZIO) OPENED THE MEETING WITH A
REVIEW OF ACTIONS TO DATE, THEN ASKED THE FRENCH AND UK
REPS TO SUMMARIZE THEIR POSITIONS. THE UK VIEW (SEE REF)
WOULD SUBORDINATE NADEEC TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND
PERMIT IT A WIDER RANGE OF INTEREST THROUGHOUT THE FIELD
OF AIR DEFENSE. THE FRENCH VIEW, STATED AT THE LAST

NADEEC MEETING, IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- THE NADEEC, BEING A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MUST BE DIRECTLY SUBORDINATE TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL; IT COULD, NEVERTHELESS, PROVIDE ADVICE TO OTHER NATO BODIES (IN PARTICULAR THE MILITARY COMMITTEE) IF IT WERE REQUESTED TO DO SO.
- ITS ACTIVITY LIES IN THE FIELD OF GROUND AIR DEFENCE INSTALLATIONS AND THEIR INTERFACE WITH ADJACENT SYSTEMS; A LIMITED EXTENSION OF THIS DOMAIN COULD BE ENVISAGED IN THE DIRECTION OF AIR SURVEILLANCE AND COMMAND SYSTEMS (ASACS) AND OF THE SEARCH FOR AN AIR DEFENCE DOCTRINE.
- ITS ROLE IS ESSENTIALLY TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE PRESENT SYSTEM AND TO TAKE CARE OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND COMPATIBILITY WITH ADJACENT SYSTEMS. IT MUST ALSO GIVE TECHNICAL AND LOGISTIC ADVICE CONCERNING COMMONLY FUNDED INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS AND PROJECTS AS WELL AS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET PROPOSALS.
- THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN MUST BE ELECTED BY ITS MEMBERS FROM AMONG CANDIDATES PROPOSED BY THE NATIONS; HE MUST NOT PERFORM ANY OTHER FUNCTION WITHIN NATO HQ.
- THE SECRETARIAT MUST BE SUBORDINATE ONLY TO THE CHAIRMAN.

2. AFTER REITERATION OF HIS POSITION, THE FRENCH REP EX-PLAINED THAT HIS COUNTRY'S LIMITED PARTICIPATION IN NATO
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MADE IT NECESSARY THAT HE INSIST THAT NADEEC CONTINUE TO REPORT TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL (NAC). FRANCE IS NOT REPRESENTED IN THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND SUBORDINATION OF NADEEC TO THAT BODY WOULD UNACCEPTABLY REDUCE FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN AIR DEFENSE ACTIVITIES. FRANCE CONTRIBUTES TO COMMON FUNDED AIR DEFENSE PROGRAMS AND FEELS THAT IS IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE NAC AS ITS ULTIMATE RESORT IN AIR DEFENSE MATTERS.

3. THE UK REP ACKNOWLEDGED THE FRENCH POSITION AND AGREED THAT THE NADEEC MUST CONTINUE UNDER THE NAC. HE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE HIS AUTHORITIES' CONCERN THAT SHAPE AND THE NATIONS WERE NOT WORKING CLOSELY IN PLANNING AIR DEFENSE ACTIVITIES. IT WAS THIS SITUATION THAT THEIR PROPOSAL WAS INTENDED TO CORRECT BUT, GIVEN THE SITUATION OF FRANCE, HE AGREED THAT IT SHOULD BE PURSUED BY OTHER MEANS.

4. DISCUSSION CONTINUED ON THE TOPIC OF A GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN SHAPE AIR DEFENSE PLANNING BUT NO SPECIFIC BODY

OR MECHANISM WAS IDENTIFIED. THE MEETING ENDED WITH THE CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST THAT REPRESENTATIVES OBTAIN THEIR AUTHORITIES' VIEW OF A NADEEC EFFORT TO FORM A BODY TO ASSIST SHAPE IN AIR DEFENSE PLANNING. COMMENT: DEFINITION OF THE SCHEME TO "ASSIST SHAPE PLANNING" DID NOT PROGRESS BEYOND VAGUE DESCRIPTION, AND IT IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER THE PROPOSED BODY WOULD BE A NEW CREATION OR AN EXISTING ELEMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT SHAPE MANNING LEVELS ARE SUCH THAT ASSISTANCE, IF IT IS TRULY THAT, WOULD BE VALUABLE. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SUCH AN EFFORT REMAIN FIRMLY

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UNDER SHAPE CONTROL, AND WE RECOMMEND SUPPORT ONLY IF SHAPE DESIRES AND REQUESTS AIR DEFENSE PLANNING ASSISTANCE, THE ASSISTING BODY IS ADEQUATELY CONTROLLED BY SHAPE, AND ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL DEMANDS ARE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. THE SHAPE REP WILL REPORT ON HIS ORGANIZATION'S REACTION AT THE NEXT MEETING. IF THESE CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED, WE RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION TO A RESTRUCTURED AIR DEFENSE HARDWARE COMMITTEE (ADHC) TO SERVE IN THE PLANNING ASSISTANCE ROLE. THE ADHC'S HISTORIC TASK OF AIR DEFENSE PROJECT EXAMINATION IS NOW DUPLICATED BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WORKING

GROUP OF AIR DEFENSE EXPERTS, AC/4(WG28). THE ADHC HAS EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH NATO AIR DEFENSE PROGRAMS AND IS WELL SUITED FOR THE PLANNING ASSISTANCE TASK. THE REDUNDANT EXAMINATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSALS IS NOT ADEQUATE REASON FOR ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE, AND SOME MODIFICATION OF ADHC RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE NEEDED REGARDLESS OF THE FUTURE OF THE PLANNING ASSISTANCE CONCEPT. IF SHAPE REJECTS THE OFFER OF PLANNING ASSISTANCE, WE RECOMMEND RE-CONFIDENTIAL

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STATEMENT OF OUR LACK OF SUPPORT FOR ANY NATO REORGANIZATIONS PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE MULTI PROJECT COORDINATION STUDY. END COMMENT.

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